

# Greenbelt News Review

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## Council Votes More Light for Center, Hears Berwyn Petition

by Claude Wimberly

The City council Monday night speedily passed a measure authorizing the city manager to have a lighting system installed along the street side of Centerway which will illuminate the dark recesses among the buildings, and hopefully cut down on purse-snatchings and vandalism in that area.

Cost of the project is estimated in the neighborhood of \$1,000, with an approximate increase of \$6 per month in the city's electric bill.

In speaking for the additional lights, Councilman Dick Pilski declared that he was witness to a purse-snatching that took place within 10 feet of where he was standing, but due to the poor illumination, he was unable to identify the person who grabbed the purse from the victim.

### Berwyn Firehouse Relocation

A delegation of citizens from Berwyn Heights asked the Mayor and council for their good offices in petitioning the County Commissioners for a site to relocate their fire department. The spokesman for the group, pointed out that it would be to Greenbelt's advantage to have Berwyn's volunteer fire department located in an area between Kenilworth Ave. and Edmonston road immediately south of Greenbelt road. The Springhill Lake and Golden Triangle areas are already included in Berwyn's fire-district.

Since there were numerous questions that arose as a result of the discussion, the council decided it would require additional information before it would "go on record" as lending its approval to the move. The matter was referred to the Advisory Planning Board and Greenbelt Fire Department for further investigation.

### Concern for Perimeter Road

Much of the meeting was devoted to discussion of sites for the new Greenbelt senior high school. The subject had been carried over from the last council meeting in response to a request from the Citizens for a Planned Greenbelt.

Councilman Gerald Gough expressed concern over developments that may preclude the construction of a perimeter road through the parcel 2 site selected by the school board. He proposed a resolution that would empower Mayor Edgar Smith to write the school board, asking that it consider "placement of the new high school on parcel 15, or possibly Springhill Lake North, adjacent to the State

## Jaycees Conduct Survey

Gregory White, president of the Greenbelt Jaycees announced today that the Jaycees will conduct a survey of community development and problems of concern to the citizens of Greenbelt. The survey is planned in conjunction with the Maryland Jaycees and the National Jaycee's November Community Development Month.

The Greenbelt chapter will implement a plan of action with recommendations to further improve the general welfare of the community. Approximately 50 areas of concern on major issues will be surveyed.

The Jaycees will canvass all areas of the community with the survey questionnaires for completion by citizens on November 29 and will pick up same on December 1. The entire Greenbelt community is asked to cooperate.

The Greenbelt Jaycees will make their findings known to the city government, and will join 62 Maryland Jaycee chapters in reporting on their survey to Governor Spiro T. Agnew.

Roads Commission Building."

Councilman Francis White moved to limit the recommendation of an alternate school site to parcel 15. This amendment carried 3 to 2, with Gough and Smith dissenting. The final motion carried unanimously.

### Other Business

In addition to the preceding council in its session:

— Directed City Manager James Giese to look into the parking situation at University Square.

— Voted the necessary authorization to purchase three police cars — two patrol cars and a station wagon. Cost of the new vehicles, without trade-in is approximately \$7,485.73. The outmoded cars will be sold through a country agency at public auction.

— Read commendations received by the city on the excellent police protection afforded by the Greenbelt police department to the Beltway Theatre and Klein's Department Store, and finally,

— Read a resolution "Congratulating the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association, Inc., better known as the 'News Review' on their thirtieth Anniversary."

## Library Bond Sale Scheduled Tuesday

A \$7.5 million bond sale which earmarks \$1 million in Library Bonds was scheduled last Tuesday by the Prince Georges County Commissioners. The Library funds will be used, in part at least, for construction of new facilities at Greenbelt, New Carrollton and for an administrative wing on the library in Hyattsville.

This is the second bond sale held by the county this year, a departure from the usual practice of having only one bond sale a year. This has been due to the adverse bond market, which forced the county to reduce its bond sale last spring from \$23 million to \$12 million.

Other items to be financed by the bonds include the continuation of the renewal program of Prince George's General Hospital, land acquisition and development for sanitary landfill, additions to fire-fighting facilities and construction of additions to the county courthouse in Upper Marlboro.

## Lions Club Starts Cake, Candy Sale

The Greenbelt Lions Club has again begun its annual fruit cake and candy sale. All proceeds from the sales will go toward a \$1,000 scholarship to be given to some High Point graduate.

Sales Drive Chairman Henry Fisher announced that he expects one of the most successful sales in Lions Club history this year.

Fruit cakes and candy can be purchased from any Lions Club member or at Suburban Trust Company in Greenbelt, Equitable Trust on Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt Realty Company or High's in the Center.

All Greenbelters are urged to support this worthwhile cause.

### OUR 30th YEAR

Watch for next week's *News Review*! A special supplement issue will appear, celebrating the paper's completion of 30 years of continuous publication. This supplement will reprint some of the top features, columns, and editorials of recent years. A similar supplement appeared on the newspaper's 25th anniversary, and thus this supplement will concentrate on the past five years.

## Hearing Scheduled on Conditional Zoning

Delegate Arthur Dorman, Chairman of the Bi-County Delegation Committee announced that a public hearing has been scheduled at the County Service Building, Hyattsville, Maryland on Wednesday, November 29 at 8 p.m. The following legislative proposals will be heard:

A. Conditional Zoning - Proposal by the County Commissioners to authorize the District Council to impose conditions and restrictions on the granting of zoning amendments.

B. A bill to remove the ceiling on the amount of contract obligations which the Washington Suburban Transit Commission may enter.

C. The addition of two new sections to the Washington Suburban Transit District Law, making it clear that Montgomery and Prince George's Counties can both issue bonds to meet their obligation for the mass transit project and exercise any method they choose to effect economies.

Delegate Dorman said that time would be allotted for other matters to be brought before the Delegation.

## The Police Blotter

A boat and trailer were stolen from Spring Hill Lake. Both were recovered the next day.

On November 8, an accident at Kenilworth Ave. and Old Calvert Rd. took the life of a Glenn Dale man, when his car did not yield the right of way and collided with another. Although the car was supplied with seat belts, they were not in use, and the driver died when he was thrown onto the median strip.

### WHAT GOES ON

Wednesday, November 22, 8 p.m. Annual Union Thanksgiving Service, at Jewish Community Center

Monday, November 27, 8 p.m. Steering Committee of the Citizens for a Planned Greenbelt, Municipal Building

8:30 p.m. Nursery School Long Range Committee, Mrs. John Ungar, 8-A Crescent

Tuesday, November 28, 8 p.m. Greenbelt Art Guild, GHI Hospitality Room Hamilton Place

Wednesday, November 29, 7:30 p.m. Center School PTA Mother's Night

Thursday, November 30, 7:45 p.m. GHI Budget Meeting Hamilton Place

### Union Thanksgiving Service

The Annual Union Thanksgiving service held by the Mowatt Methodist Church, Greenbelt Community Church and the Jewish Community Center will be held this Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, Ridge Road. Rabbi Maurice Weisenberg, the Rev. Keith Johnson and the Rev. Dr. Dale A. Stover will participate in the service. The community is welcome.

## R. Breashears Reports to GHI Board On Detroit Rehabilitation Project

by Sandra Barnes

Highlighting last Thursday's Greenbelt Homes, Inc. meeting was a report by General Manager Roy Breashears on a conversion-type co-operative similar to GHI's — Kramer Homes in Detroit — which offered some new ideas on GHI's own long-range rehabilitation plans. According to Breashears, who saw the project while attending the National Association of Housing Cooperatives earlier this month, the Kramer homes are frame structures built about 30 years ago. They had flat roofs without overhangs.

Through section 23 of the Federal National Mortgage Association, the Kramer co-op was able to arrange financing for rehabilitating the facades of the homes while raising the charges only \$2 per month over a 40-year period.

Breashears spoke with great enthusiasm as he passed around "Before and After" pictures of the homes to board members. "The homes were not in as good a shape as ours," he said, as the board compared the flat roofs with the new peaked ones. However, GHI is more interested in refurbishing interiors than exteriors, since the facades are in fairly good condition. Pictures of Kramer Homes will appear in a future GHI newsletter.

### Larger Homes

On the unanimous advice of the larger homes committee, the board authorized the expenditure of \$480 to procure the services of an engineering consultant, who would work with the architect for the new townhouses but who would be answerable directly to the corporation.

The main reason for hiring the engineer is that he can provide cost estimates for the construction of the homes and guarantee these estimates within 5%. He will also advise the architect on the design and specifications of the homes to effect economies.

Revised floor plans of the townhouses were passed around, and the committee is expected to approve their design shortly. Pictures of the facade of the townhouses will appear in the next GHI newsletter.

### Other Board Action

It was recommended that the pay scales of GHI administrative personnel be raised 4 1/2% and that the maintenance personnel receive a 7 1/2% salary increase "in order to catch up with prevailing rates of pay," commented Nat Shinderman. GHI is currently 10% behind in salaries for comparable work and hopes to catch up to current rates over a 2-year period. It was felt that there was too much of a difference to make up in one year.

Parking assignments for 14-court Ridge were not recommended. It was found that there would not be enough spaces for all of the homes in the court.

The black-topping of the trailer court was also vetoed because, of

## Voter Registration

Scores of volunteers are working to register Prince Georges County voters in a concentrated drive at shopping centers this Friday and Saturday, November 24 and 25.

County residents may register and list changes of address from 1 pm to 8 p.m., at Capitol Plaza (Montgomery Ward) and at Prince George's Plaza (Grand Union Grocery Store).

The voter registration drive is sponsored by Volunteers Organized to Encourage Registration (VOTER). The non-partisan committee is composed of representatives of both Democratic and Republican political groups, business and labor, civic, poverty and other organizations.

## Art Guild Meeting

The Greenbelt Art Guild will hold its regular monthly critique on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 8 p.m. in the G.H.I. Hospitality Room.

In addition to the critique, conducted by Woody Ritter, two short films will be shown - "Finger Painting of Wu Tsai Yen" and "Folk Artist of the Blue Ridge: Harriet French Turner."

of the 36 families who use the court, only 18 responded to letters from the manager's office asking if they would pay \$1 extra each month for the black-topping. Twelve of the 18 families did not want to pay the additional amount. Thus, the board concluded most of the families must be satisfied with the present clay and gravel covering.

The board approved the borrowing of \$3800 at 4 1/2% for an addition to be built over a storm drain by a resident of 56 Crescent Court.

It was noted that there will be a special budget meeting of GHI on Nov. 30, and regular meetings on Dec. 7 and 12 to avoid holiday conflicts.

## Delegates Adopt Report Defining Local Powers

Delegates to the Maryland Constitutional Convention (or "Con Con") on Wednesday, Nov. 15, adopted the report of the Committee on Local Government, which among other things defines the limits of powers granted to municipalities. This action followed nearly eight hours of debate during which a series of amendments were voted down. A few days earlier the Maryland Municipal League had denounced the report. The League's own executive secretary, Raymond G. Boileau, who favored the report, resigned summarily at that time from his League position.

This report was characterized by Boileau and others as a compromise between the original recommendations of the Eney Commission, on which the work of the "Con Con" is based, and the position of the Municipal League. Boileau describes the compromise as giving municipalities "98 per cent of what they wanted," but the League disagreed and held that Maryland municipalities should have more power than the compromise allows.

Greenbelt took no active part in the controversy, though City Manager James K. Giese spent the major part of Monday, Nov. 13, in Annapolis as the city's observer. (Giese also is a member of the governing Council of the League.) In a statement to the city council concerning the committee report, Giese noted that from the strictly municipal point of view, the new policy offers less to municipalities than the local government section in the 1954 constitution, under which they now operate. At the same time, he said, "Greenbelt could still function effectively." At Monday night's meeting city councilmen expressed divergent views concerning whether to support the action of the convention. At a later date they will consider the matter again.

Basically the new section denies to municipal corporations the power to be "dissolved, merged, or have their existing powers withdrawn" without the consent of the county government and of their own governing body. Appeal, however, could be made to the state legislature.

The power to create new municipal corporations would also be vested in the county government. Finally, the state legislature or the county could delegate additional powers to municipalities or withdraw such powers.

Following adoption of the committee's report by the Convention, it was referred to the Style and Language Committee. From there it will be again presented to the Convention delegates for formal adoption.

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## Greenbelt Observed

In a special supplement, attached to the Washington Post of Sunday, November 19 and devoted to Prince Georges County, Greenbelt was concisely described in the following paragraph, reproduced without comment:

"Families who have always worked this land, and those who come . . . are in search of a modern, pleasant environment . . . In Greenbelt, for instance, they find an experimental town launched 30 years ago, and still a delight to the eyes and to the sensibilities of its alert citizenry. Under a progressive town government, it is a place where children can safely roam in park-like inner courts and around Greenbelt Lake. A mother can push a baby carriage to a store without crossing a major artery, and all manner of recreation and community activity is there, for the asking."

## Letters to the Editor

## Thanks to Police

We would like to express our appreciation to the Greenbelt Police Department for the outstanding job they did in helping recover our automobile, which was stolen recently from the parking lot of our apartment at Springhill Lake.

Through the alertness of Officer Krob, who was in the area at the time of the theft, a police bulletin was issued for our car before we even discovered the loss. This immediate action greatly aided in the recovery of the car and the apprehension of the thieves a short time later. Since then, all of the officers involved have been most helpful in rendering us assistance in our misfortune.

We feel certain that such immediate, efficient, and courteous service by the police in times of emergency contributes much to community security for the citizens of Greenbelt.

**Mr. and Mrs. F. Guy Saunders**

## Our "New" Theatre

Many of us in Greenbelt were sorry when our local theatre closed several months ago. True, it wasn't one of those shiny places of moviedom, but it was close and convenient and part of our community life.

The theatre has— at long last— opened again. I was among the first who attended after the reopening (on the second night) and am glad to report that a change has taken place. The heater performs flawlessly— no more overcoats; the lobby sparkles and obviously much hard work has accomplished this transformation.

If you still remember the Greenbelt Theatre as a dusty, dingy place — I advise you to go and have a second look. You'll be pleasantly surprised— as I was!

Audrey Stern

## DAV Hold Annual Dance

The Maryland City Chapter No. 23 of the Disabled American Veterans will hold its annual dance at Greenbelt Post No. 136 of the American Legion on Saturday, December 2. Dancing will last from 9 pm. to 1 a.m. and a door prize will be awarded. Tickets will be sold at the entrance.

## GARIN BAR MITZVAH

Michael Garin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Garin, 29 Lakeside, will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, November 25, at 9:30 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Prince Georges County. Rabbi Maurice Weisenberg will officiate.

## The "Greenbelt Town" Idea

With Greenbelt now celebrating its 30th anniversary — the town's first occupants moved in on September 30, 1937 — it is appropriate to look back and see what the planners of Greenbelt thought they were creating on depleted tobacco farmland some 14 miles from the Nation's Capitol.

A good source for this purpose is the document *Greenbelt Towns*, published by the Resettlement Administration in September 1936. Excerpts from this document follow:

What the Resettlement Administration is trying to do is to put houses and land and people together in such a way that the props under our economic and social structure will be permanently strengthened . . . Its suburban projects are being carried out only on a demonstration basis and are few in number . . .

The new communities will be "greenbelt" towns, so-called because each of them will be surrounded by a broad girdle of park and farm land. A greenbelt town is simply a community built on raw land, in which every acre is put to its best use, and in which the traditional dividing lines between town and country are broken down . . .

The fact is that nearly all the principles upon which these communities are founded have already been tested and found worthy. The idea of a greenbelt town was first worked out in 1898 by a young Englishman, Ebenezer Howard, one of the pioneers of modern city planning. He pictured a union of city and country life, in which every foot of land was planned to eliminate waste and to provide its inhabitants with pleasant and spacious living. Towns built to his model — such as Welwyn and Letchworth — have been operating successfully in England for the last twenty years . . . The development of similar communities to house American families with modest incomes was urgently recommended in 1931 by the President's Conference on Home Building and Home Ownership. Many of Howard's principles have been partially carried out in Radburn, N. J., America's first scientifically planned garden town.

The significance of a greenbelt town extends far beyond its own boundaries. Every growing metropolis should — if it is wisely planned — develop a chain of similar suburban communities around its borders. They would offer an opportunity for orderly efficient expansion. Their greenbelts, linked together, would form continuous permanent open spaces around the city, protecting it and each suburb from overcrowding and sprawling, haphazard suburban developing and encroaching industries . . .

## The Greenbelt

Within such a site every acre is assigned to its own place and function in an expertly designed plan. Around the town's edge is the greenbelt . . . permanent open space intended to protect the town forever from overcrowding and undesirable building on neighboring land. In addition, it offers special opportunities for both recreation and gardening. Part of the area is reserved for parks and playgrounds. Other tracts are set aside as gardens, for families which wish to supplement their incomes by raising their own fruit and vegetables. Still other sections are allotted to full-time farmers, who can bring their produce to market simply by crossing their own fields. All the sites have ample land for the future expansion and growth of the community.

## The Town Plan

The newly designed town plan is adapted to the familiar pattern of American community life. There is the town common, traditional in a thousand New England and Mid-eastern villages. At the center are grouped stores, post office, bus terminal, film theater, and other business establishments. Here, too, there will be a community building, serving as an elementary school in the daytime and as a town meeting hall at night.

At the same time, the greenbelt community has been designed especially to meet the needs of a modern motor age. To protect it

mal way. The government will be that which is appropriate to the size of the town under the laws of the State.

In building greenbelt communities, substantial savings are being made through the use of cheap land. Careful town planning, sound construction, and excellent materials will keep operating and maintenance expenses down to the minimum. It must be remembered that the inhabitants will be supporting their schools, churches, stores, sanitary arrangements, playgrounds, and other facilities without the hidden subsidy provided in other cities by taxation on large commercial and industrial properties.

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CHRISTMAS HOURS 1967

Dec. 11 - Dec. 22 (weekdays)	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Dec. 9 and Dec. 16 (Sat.)	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Dec. 10 (Sunday)	2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Dec. 17 (Sunday)	12 noon - 3 p.m.
Dec. 23 (Sat.) Revert to normal hours.	8 a.m. - 12 noon

## School Holds Mothers' Nite

Center School will hold a "Mothers' Night" meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 29. This is to be an informal meeting, sponsored by the PTA. The topics for discussion will be the needs of the school and its students, and it is hoped that all mothers of children attending Center School will attend.

## The News Review Wishes all a Happy Thanksgiving!

## Greenbelt Community

## Church

(United Church of Christ)

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by Allen D. Morrison

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**Golden Age Club****Our Neighbors**

by Elaine Skolnik - 474-6060

Surprise: Through the generosity of James Cassels and the Board of Directors of Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association, the club is planning to occupy the room adjacent to Twin Pines beginning December 1. The club now needs tables and chairs. If anyone has extras, advise immediately. Magazines are also needed. Board of Directors meetings and committee meetings will be held in this room. Anyone desiring information or assistance should please feel free to call upon the club. It will be announced later the hours that the room will be open. It is hoped that everyone will drop in and visit with the members. A free hot cup of coffee will be served as soon as the room is organized. More later.

The manager of the recreation department in Springhill Lake, Mrs. Sutton, has invited all club members to a party on December 6. She is furnishing buses that will leave the parking lot at the rear of the post office at 12:30 p.m. Please advise if you plan to attend. On December 20 the Golden Age Club will sponsor one of its old fashioned covered dish luncheons.

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by Elaine Skolnik - 474-6060

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Mr. and Mrs. Chris Montecino, 7-F Research, proudly announce the birth of a son. Timothy Howard was born October 23 weighing 7 lbs. 6 oz. He joins Jane, Thomas and Julie.

It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth G. Miller, 58-M Crescent. Kenneth arrived November 14 weighing 7 lbs. 4 oz. He joins a sister, Laura Lee.

Army Private Francis C. Day, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Day, 73-B Ridge, completed eight weeks of advanced infantry training Nov. 14 at Ft. Ord, Calif.

Donald J. Garner, CPA of Green-

belt, has been elected a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Garner is associated with Robert S. Landsman, certified public accountant in Bethesda.

Newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Albert Claxton, 151 Westway, honeymooned in Nassau following their marriage Oct. 28.

**Monte Carlo Night at JCC**

The Men's Club of the Jewish Community Center, Ridge rd. and Westway, wil hold a "Monte Carlo Night" at the JCC building on Saturday, December 2, beginning 8:30 p.m. For further details call

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## Greenbelt Grab-bag

by Punchin' Judy

A long time ago we read a science fiction story in which a space-time traveler asked directions in a strange city. His informer instructed him to proceed to the next corner and ask again. At the next corner he asked another passer-by and was again directed to proceed to the next corner and inquire again. This continued until he arrived safely at his destination.

We were reminded of this simple and sensible system when, last week, we had to travel from Manhattan to Brooklyn. We have every reason to believe that Brooklyn is not really in a different time-space continuum, but after four hours of trying to locate it we begin to wonder if it was really possible to get there from where we started.

For one thing, every New Yorker is an expert. Not one person we asked for directions pleaded ignorance. Everybody knew exactly how we should go, and showed us with great enthusiasm and much semaphoring of hands. So graphic were the gestures that we even accidentally acquired a bloody nose. The only trouble, as we soon found out, was that none of our informants knew his left from his right. Perhaps this is a by-product of their all-enveloping smog, which must also account for their indefiniteness. Nobody ever said, "Turn after three blocks," or "Proceed two miles." Their measures were, "It's a long way," and "You'll see a lot of traffic lights."

Not that the signs were any better. On the straightaway, when there was only one direction in which you could go, you would see a fine large sign: "To Triboro Bridge." This was edifying, but the minute you came to a fork in the road, the view was unobstructed by any identifying mark, and you had to rely on ESP. Unfortunately, our perception, extrasensory and otherwise, was in low gear that morning, so we invariably took the wrong end of the fork. This, of course, landed us on a limited access beltway. By the time we realized we had gone in the wrong direction, we had to wait ten miles for the next exit. At that point we again had our choice of two unmarked directions, each of which led us to another limited access throughway.

Never, never throughout this nightmare did we catch even a glimpse of a police car or officer. Once we passed a gas station, but it was on the other side of an impassable median strip. Slowing down or stopping would have been impossible. The traffic just wouldn't tolerate it.

"How come there are so many cemeteries around here?" our number two child asked. "They are for people who grow old and die without being able to find their destination," we explained.

On and on we rode, like the ghost riders in the sky. Fortunately we had a full tank of gas to start with.

Surely we must be the only people in the world who ever went from Manhattan to Brooklyn by way of Harlem, Flushing Meadow.

### Clinton Park to Stay Open

Clinton Regional Park, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's new 500-acre recreational facility will remain open for use by area residents throughout the winter months. However, a Commission spokesman noted, that in order to avoid frozen or burst water lines the park's water fountains and toilet facilities will be closed.

The park's tennis courts, extensive picnic facilities and the fanciful children's play area will be open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily except during inclement weather.

Construction of the Park's Nature Center which is to be designed in a "contemporary rustic" style of fieldstone and redwood, is expected to be underway by next spring and completed by late 1968. In addition to the park offices, the nature center will house permanent exhibits of wildlife native to the area, a small nature study library and an auditorium seating 100 to 150 persons.

dows, the Bronx, and Kennedy Airport. We crossed four bridges and passed through five tunnels. For some reason, we missed Staten Island. We're still trying to figure out that omission.

If we had to do it over again, we wouldn't. There's just no way to tell directions in Fun City. The babes in the woods were better off. At least they had trees on which they could tell which side the moss grew. Or they might have told directions by the sun or other heavenly bodies. You couldn't even see the sky where we were, just shades of gray overhead.

Our luck held to the end. We had foresightedly supplied our buggy with snow tires, in case we happened into an early blizzard. Did it snow? Don't be silly. Right in the middle of November we ran into the grand-daddy of all thunderstorms.

But all this gives us a lot to be thankful for. We're thankful to be back home, we're thankful to live in Greenbelt, where it's impossible to get lost, we're thankful we're not still riding round and round those benighted boroughs. And most of all we're thankful that we never misdirect anyone. You want to go to Beltway Plaza? Well, take the second road to the left. Or is it the third road? Anyway, go about half a mile. Or else three quarters . . .

## Recreation Review

### Teen Club Chatter

The Greenbelt Teen Club will not be open this Saturday night because of the appearance of Lawrence and the Arabians at the Greenbelt Armory on November 25 from 8 until 11. We encourage all teenagers to attend this dance at the armory. The Youth Center will have "Open Gym" on this night.

On December 2, the Knights and the Counts will appear at the Youth Center.

### Men's Football

The November 30 schedule for League No. 2 will be composed of the November 2nd games that were rained out.

At 7 p.m., Chillum Sheetmetal will take on The Old 97's. The 8 p.m. game will see Montpelier against The Choppers.

### Thanksgiving Schedule

The Youth Center will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 24.

The Friday schedule will be as follows:

9 - 10:30 a.m. - 1st and 3rd grade roller skating.

10:30 - 12 p.m. - 4th and 6th grade roller skating.

1 - 5:30 p.m. - Open Gym - quiet games, ping pong, in the lounge.

7 - 10 p.m. - Open Gym - Teen Lounge

Children's Arts and Crafts class will be canceled on Friday.

### Men's Winter Basketball

The Basketball League will at-

## Elise Geller Delegate To National 4-H Congress

A girl whose mother "collects material the way some people collect stamps" is Maryland's top teen in the 4-H clothing program.

"Rip and do it again till it's perfect" is the motto of Elise Geller, 18, of 117 Northway.

And her philosophy pays off. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Geller is a delegate to Chicago's National 4-H Club Congress, Nov. 26 - Dec. 1.

"I enjoy sewing because I get clothes that fit well, and don't cost a lot of money. Also, I learned how much fun it is to add personal touches to my sewing," Elise, a Dickinson College Freshman, points out.

One of three sisters, Elise says, "our closets are usually bulging. Two summers ago, mother bribed us (into making clothes) by offering a pair of nylons for every outfit we made. I got 14 pairs . . . and a whole school wardrobe."

With her college clothing needs in mind, Elise has begun making pant suits, dresses, and A-line skirts.

What has 4-H given Elise? "A sense of responsibility, an ability to work hard to achieve my goals, a sense of close companionship and a wonderful time," she declares.

Coats and Clark is sponsoring her Windy City trip.

## Recreation Review

tempt to get underway on Monday, Dec. 4, with twelve teams. Rosters and franchise fees are due at the Recreation Department by Tuesday, Nov. 28. Please enter 12-men teams only. Individuals interested in playing will be referred to teams needing players.

### Beginner Judo Instruction

One more student is still needed in order to start the second beginner judo class. The class will meet five times for two hours and will eventually merge with the advanced class.

## Men's Volleyball Nov. 28

The Greenbelt Men's Athletic Club will resume playing volleyball at a new location, the Greenbelt Junior High School, on Tuesday, Nov. 28 at 7:30 p.m. Men of all ages, sizes and shapes are expected to come prepared to play ball. If ladies are interested and are present, they will be included in the game. For further information, call Grego, 474-9169 or Thomas, WE 5-9854.

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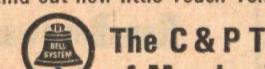
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